

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 7, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MALLORY submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William G. Ridgely, have had the same under consideration, and thereupon report:*

The petitioner "claims from the United States indemnity for property destroyed during the late war with Great Britain," this property consisting of tobacco stored in tobacco-warehouses in Prince George's and Charles counties, Maryland.

Your committee have given to the facts involved in this and other similar cases, commonly known as the "Maryland tobacco cases," and to the principles of law applicable to them, all the consideration which their character and magnitude require; and they beg leave to refer to their report, No. 175, 1st session, 35th Congress, for the reasons of their judgment thereon.

From these facts and principles, they think that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted; and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

